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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Brian J. Brown, et al.  
Application No.: 09/197,278  
Filed: November 20, 1998  
For: LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE  
EXPANDABLE STENT  
Examiner: Lien Ngo  
Group Art Unit: 3731

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Docket No.: S63.2-6769

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

- In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:  
**5 Pg. Declaration of Timothy J. Ley (Including Exhibit A); 1 pg Supplemental Response; VAS transmittal; and postcard**
- With respect to fees:  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$  
☐ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
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This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
- Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350

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Date: November 29, 2000

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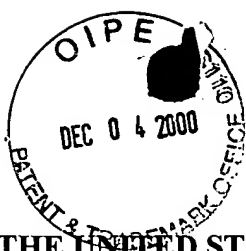
  
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## SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

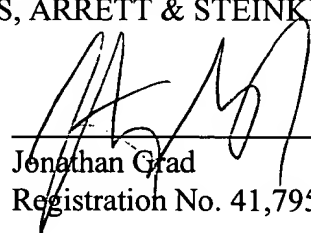
These remarks are submitted further to the Amendment mailed November 10, 2000. In the Amendment, Applicant submitted an unsigned draft Declaration of Timothy J. Ley. Applicant submits herewith a signed copy of a Declaration of Timothy J. Ley. The Declaration submitted herewith differs from the previously submitted draft Declaration in that several clerical errors have been corrected. In particular, paragraph 1 of the previously submitted Declaration identified Mr. Ley as the inventor of the subject-matter of claims 2-9, 23-28, 39-45, 49 and 52. Mr. Ley, as indicated in paragraph 1 of the Declaration submitted herewith, is the inventor of the subject-matter of claims 2-9, 24-28, 38-45, 49 and 52. Paragraphs 2 and 3 have been corrected in light of the correction to paragraph 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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